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Population projections by age for large counties in Florida: 1985–2000

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The utilization of demographic data has grown rapidly in recent years. Large corporations, small businesses, state and local governments, school systems, hospitals and many other organizations rely more heavily on demographic data now than ever before. The need for data on the age distribution of county populations appears to be particularly great. In this bulletin we publish population projections, by age, for the 21 counties in Florida with 1980 populations of greater than 100,000. These projections represent only permanent residents, and do not include seasonal residents or tourists.

The projections were made using a cohort-component methodology in which births, deaths and migration are projected separately for each age-sex group. The base for the projections is the population counted in the 1980 Census. Survival rates are applied to each age-sex group to account for deaths. These rates are based on 1969-1971 Florida Life Tables, and are adjusted upward in 1980 and 1990 to account for projected increases in life expectancy. Migration is projected by applying net migration rates to each age-sex group. These rates are based on estimated levels of net migration between 1970 and 1980 for each age-sex group in each county. Levels of projected net migration are added to the surviving base population to give the projected population age five and older in each projection year. Births and net migration of children younger than age five are projected by applying age-specific birth rates to the female population. These rates are based on 1980 data on births by age of mother for each county. County birth rates are assumed to converge to state birth rates by the year 2000.

Projections are made in five-year intervals and each projection serves as the base for the following projection. The set of numbers published in this bulletin is a summary of the complete set of projections; it shows only the medium series and omits the data for males and females and for five-year age groups. More detailed data, showing five-year age groups for males and females from the low, medium and high projection series, can be obtained from the Bureau of Economic and Business Research for a small charge. These projections are available only for counties with a 1980 population greater than 100,000; projections by age for smaller counties have not been made.

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Population projections by age for large counties in Florida (medium projection series): 1985-2000

COUNTY	AGE	Census 1980	1985	1990	1995	2000
ALACHUA	0-14	28,723	32,200	37,200	40,800	41,400
	15-24	46,765	47,700	45,400	45,500	48,800
	25-44	44,726	58,400	72,300	77,800	80,200
	45-64	20,387	22,400	25,800	34,000	44,900
	65+	10,747	12,400	14,400	15,900	17,600
	TOTAL	151,348	173,100	195,000	214,100	232,900
BREVARD	0-14	52,030	54,000	58,500	62,500	55,100
	15-24	50,665	50,000	43,000	39,600	38,500
	25-44	68,047	84,400	100,100	109,100	103,600
	45-64	67,551	71,700	77,000	82,600	99,700
	65+	34,666	43,400	52,600	60,200	80,400
	TOTAL	272,959	303,500	331,100	354,000	377,300
BROWARD	0-14	170,354	179,900	197,500	217,500	227,500
	15-24	145,299	154,100	149,000	147,200	160,800
	25-44	255,815	326,700	393,200	432,600	448,100
	45-64	223,050	246,800	276,600	329,300	405,800
	65+	223,682	261,700	303,000	340,200	367,200
	TOTAL	1,018,200	1,169,200	1,319,400	1,466,700	1,609,300
DADE	0-14	307,746	337,400	359,200	379,200	378,500
	15-24	270,016	273,600	251,800	250,600	272,200
	25-44	433,643	558,000	641,800	678,900	681,600
	45-64	359,090	383,000	413,300	468,900	561,500
	65+	255,286	291,300	330,200	359,400	378,300
	TOTAL	1,625,781	1,843,300	1,996,300	2,137,100	2,272,100
DUVAL	0-14	132,592	133,800	133,200	131,100	123,200
	15-24	110,072	98,000	91,300	89,100	92,600
	25-44	162,052	186,700	201,500	202,900	197,300
	45-64	111,124	108,300	110,000	123,300	146,400
	65+	55,163	60,700	66,400	69,900	70,700
	TOTAL	571,003	587,500	602,400	616,300	630,200
ESCAMBIA	0-14	53,874	55,800	56,400	56,600	53,400
	15-24	48,615	43,400	38,700	38,300	41,000
	25-44	64,307	75,800	83,000	85,800	85,200
	45-64	46,251	47,600	49,900	56,300	66,400
	65+	20,747	24,000	27,400	30,200	31,700
	TOTAL	233,794	246,600	255,400	267,300	277,700
HILLSBOROUGH	0-14	140,872	145,200	151,600	159,400	159,100
	15-24	122,531	118,700	111,700	108,400	115,600
	25-44	181,530	221,000	254,600	270,500	275,200
	45-64	127,714	132,700	142,900	166,700	201,500
	65+	74,313	82,500	92,100	99,500	104,900
	TOTAL	646,960	700,100	752,900	804,500	856,200

Note: Age groups may not add to total due to rounding.

Population projections by age for large counties in Florida
(medium projection series): 1985-2000 (continued)

COUNTY	AGE	Census 1980	1985	1990	1995	2000
LAKE	0-14	18,623	20,500	22,500	24,000	23,500
	15-24	14,139	15,100	13,800	14,100	16,300
	25-44	21,437	27,100	33,400	37,300	39,200
	45-64	24,031	26,600	29,800	33,900	41,200
	65+	26,640	31,300	36,300	41,000	44,300
	TOTAL	104,870	120,600	135,800	150,300	164,500
LEE	0-14	35,890	41,000	46,400	51,400	54,100
	15-24	28,218	32,100	32,800	34,800	38,800
	25-44	44,885	62,000	79,200	90,800	98,100
	45-64	50,402	58,900	68,600	81,700	101,800
	65+	45,871	56,600	68,000	78,700	86,200
	TOTAL	205,266	250,600	295,000	337,400	379,100
LEON	0-14	30,841	33,700	37,000	40,000	40,100
	15-24	40,526	40,700	38,300	38,200	40,600
	25-44	45,770	59,100	72,600	78,500	80,000
	45-64	21,754	24,200	27,800	36,600	47,700
	65+	9,764	11,200	13,300	14,800	16,400
	TOTAL	148,655	168,900	189,000	208,200	224,900
MANATEE	0-14	24,963	27,600	30,100	32,300	32,700
	15-24	19,427	20,800	20,700	21,400	23,500
	25-44	30,749	40,600	49,500	55,100	57,500
	45-64	33,147	35,900	39,600	45,600	55,900
	65+	40,156	44,700	49,500	53,800	56,400
	TOTAL	148,442	169,700	189,300	208,100	226,000
MARION	0-14	25,415	28,900	32,800	36,200	37,100
	15-24	18,575	21,700	21,700	22,400	25,700
	25-44	28,635	38,800	49,400	57,100	62,000
	45-64	28,964	34,200	40,100	48,000	59,900
	65+	20,899	26,500	32,500	38,200	42,400
	TOTAL	122,488	150,100	176,400	201,800	227,000
OKALOOSA	0-14	26,242	27,700	28,700	29,100	27,900
	15-24	24,360	22,200	20,100	20,000	21,600
	25-44	32,404	38,200	42,800	45,300	46,200
	45-64	20,541	23,500	26,100	29,300	34,300
	65+	6,373	8,200	10,800	12,800	14,600
	TOTAL	109,920	120,000	128,500	136,500	144,600
ORANGE	0-14	99,384	108,300	116,500	123,800	124,100
	15-24	98,069	91,400	83,800	85,200	93,600
	25-44	127,458	165,200	198,300	213,800	217,900
	45-64	96,098	99,800	107,000	124,000	153,400
	65+	50,007	58,600	68,200	75,800	79,800
	TOTAL	471,016	523,300	573,900	622,600	668,700

Note: Age groups may not add to total due to rounding.

Population projections by age for large counties in Florida
(medium projection series): 1985-2000 (continued)

COUNTY	AGE	Census 1980	1985	1990	1995	2000
PALM BEACH	0-14	98,328	109,400	120,500	130,200	131,600
	15-24	81,588	87,900	85,700	86,100	95,700
	25-44	135,874	178,400	216,200	238,000	246,700
	45-64	126,621	146,300	165,700	194,800	239,500
	65+	134,452	165,700	196,300	222,800	241,900
	TOTAL	576,863	687,700	784,400	871,900	955,400
PASCO	0-14	28,469	33,800	40,100	46,100	49,900
	15-24	21,610	26,900	28,500	30,900	35,400
	25-44	33,710	49,100	65,600	78,000	86,800
	45-64	50,417	61,800	73,400	87,200	108,300
	65+	59,437	75,000	91,400	107,100	118,100
	TOTAL	193,643	246,600	299,000	349,300	398,500
PINELLAS	0-14	108,799	111,800	118,300	128,900	132,700
	15-24	95,310	96,000	88,400	86,100	92,000
	25-44	154,387	195,700	231,300	251,400	256,900
	45-64	167,210	171,800	183,000	209,800	254,100
	65+	202,825	220,800	238,300	257,600	267,400
	TOTAL	728,531	796,000	859,300	933,700	1,003,100
POLK	0-14	69,960	73,900	77,800	81,400	79,800
	15-24	56,625	57,000	53,800	53,500	58,000
	25-44	82,885	104,200	123,600	135,300	140,400
	45-64	66,149	71,200	77,900	90,200	109,500
	65+	46,033	52,600	60,200	66,700	71,200
	TOTAL	321,652	358,800	393,400	427,000	458,900
SARASOTA	0-14	27,636	31,000	35,600	40,400	42,800
	15-24	24,467	26,800	26,000	26,400	29,900
	25-44	39,947	54,400	68,300	77,600	81,400
	45-64	49,592	55,900	63,600	73,800	91,600
	65+	60,609	71,800	83,500	94,500	101,800
	TOTAL	202,251	239,800	277,100	312,600	347,500
SEMINOLE	0-14	42,211	45,700	51,200	57,200	61,800
	15-24	29,535	36,800	38,100	38,100	41,000
	25-44	53,559	72,200	92,800	105,600	115,300
	45-64	36,831	45,300	55,200	70,000	87,700
	65+	17,616	22,900	29,200	34,400	39,400
	TOTAL	179,752	222,900	266,500	305,200	345,200
VOLUSIA	0-14	43,373	48,400	53,600	58,700	60,800
	15-24	41,619	41,600	39,900	40,900	45,300
	25-44	56,071	77,400	96,300	107,300	112,200
	45-64	59,905	64,000	73,700	85,700	106,300
	65+	57,794	69,800	78,300	87,800	93,600
	TOTAL	258,762	301,200	341,800	380,400	418,200

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Number of households and average household size in Florida: April 1, 1982

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This publication shows the number of households and average household size for Florida and each of its counties for 1970, 1980 and 1982. Households are defined as housing units occupied by permanent residents. They should not be confused with total housing units, which include vacant and seasonally occupied units as well as units occupied by permanent residents. According to the United States Bureau of the Census, a person is classified as a permanent resident of "...his usual place of residence, which is generally construed to mean the place where he lives and sleeps most of the time. This place is not necessarily the same as his legal residence, voting residence or domicile." The numbers shown in this bulletin refer only to the number of households and average household size of permanent Florida residents.

Data for 1970 and 1980 were taken from actual census counts conducted by the United States Bureau of the Census. Data for 1982 were taken from estimates produced by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research. Estimates of households were based on electric customer and building permit data (primarily the former). Estimates of average household size were based on each area's average household size in 1980, the national decline in average household size since 1980 and the local change in housing mix since 1980. A more detailed description of the methodology used to estimate households and average household size can be found in "Some New Techniques for Applying the Housing Unit Method of Local Population Estimation," Demography, Volume 17, Number 3, August, 1980.

Number of households

The number of households in Florida topped four million in 1982. This represents an increase of 279,000 since 1980, or 7.5 percent. The average increase of almost 140,000 households per year between 1980 and 1982 is slightly below the average of 146,000 per year between 1970 and 1980. Dade County had 632,800 households in 1982, more than any other county. Next in line were Broward with 443,500, Pinellas with 334,800, Palm Beach with 264,300, Hillsborough with 253,800 and Duval with 215,200. At the other end of the scale, Lafayette, Liberty, Union, Gilchrist and Glades each had fewer than 2,500 households.

Palm Beach had the largest increase in number of households of any county between 1980 and

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Table 1.—Number of households and average household size for Florida counties: 1970, 1980, 1982

STATE COUNTY	ESTIMATE APRIL 1, 1982		CENSUS APRIL 1, 1980		CENSUS APRIL 1, 1970		NUMERICAL CHANGE				PERCENTAGE CHANGE				STATE COUNTY
							HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE		HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE		
	HOUSEHOLDS	AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	HOUSEHOLDS	AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	HOUSEHOLDS	AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1980-1982	1970-1980	1980-1982	1970-1980	1980-1982	1970-1980	1980-1982	1970-1980	
FLORIDA	4,023,287	2.52	3,744,254	2.55	2,284,786	2.90	279,033	1,459,468	-0.03	-0.35	7.5	63.9	-1.2	-12.1	FLORIDA
Alachua	58,630	2.55	54,607	2.60	31,115	3.06	4,023	23,492	-0.05	-0.46	7.4	75.5	-1.9	-15.0	Alachua
Baker	4,550	3.15	4,243	3.22	2,229	3.62	307	2,014	-0.07	-0.40	7.2	90.4	-2.2	-11.0	Baker
Bay	38,007	2.69	34,754	2.76	23,403	3.18	3,253	11,351	-0.07	-0.42	9.4	48.5	-2.5	-13.2	Bay
Bradford	6,515	2.84	6,297	2.87	4,058	3.26	218	2,239	-0.03	-0.39	3.5	55.2	-1.0	-12.0	Bradford
Brevard	112,679	2.61	101,783	2.64	68,560	3.30	10,896	33,223	-0.03	-0.66	10.7	48.5	-1.1	-20.0	Brevard
Broward	443,497	2.39	417,517	2.42	222,563	2.76	25,980	194,954	-0.03	-0.34	6.2	87.6	-1.2	-12.3	Broward
Calhoun	3,257	2.80	3,221	2.84	2,393	3.18	36	828	-0.04	-0.34	1.1	34.6	-1.4	-10.7	Calhoun
Charlotte	29,851	2.22	25,922	2.25	11,668	2.35	3,929	14,254	-0.03	-0.10	15.2	122.2	-1.3	-4.3	Charlotte
Citrus	26,414	2.34	22,985	2.36	7,358	2.59	3,429	15,627	-0.02	-0.23	14.9	212.4	-0.8	-8.9	Citrus
Clay	23,731	3.00	21,646	3.06	9,396	3.35	2,085	12,250	-0.06	-0.29	9.6	130.4	-2.0	-8.7	Clay
Collier	40,476	2.38	33,966	2.49	13,012	2.88	6,510	20,954	-0.11	-0.39	19.2	161.0	-4.4	-13.5	Collier
Columbia	12,960	2.82	12,183	2.87	7,669	3.24	777	4,514	-0.05	-0.37	6.4	58.9	-1.7	-11.4	Columbia
Dade	632,717	2.69	609,830	2.63	428,026	2.91	22,887	181,804	0.06	-0.28	3.8	42.5	2.3	-9.6	Dade
DeSoto	6,766	2.71	6,256	2.76	3,761	3.03	510	2,495	-0.05	-0.27	8.2	66.3	-1.8	-8.9	DeSoto
Dixie	3,011	2.74	2,663	2.76	1,708	3.19	348	955	-0.02	-0.43	13.1	55.9	-0.7	-13.5	Dixie
Duval	215,222	2.64	208,351	2.69	161,666	3.14	6,871	46,685	-0.05	-0.45	3.3	28.9	-1.9	-14.3	Duval
Escambia	86,698	2.74	81,067	2.79	60,387	3.25	5,631	20,680	-0.05	-0.46	6.9	34.2	-1.8	-14.2	Escambia
Flagler	5,291	2.43	4,359	2.49	1,488	2.96	932	2,871	-0.06	-0.47	21.4	192.9	-2.4	-15.9	Flagler
Franklin	2,915	2.67	2,765	2.73	2,429	2.91	150	336	-0.06	-0.18	5.4	13.8	-2.2	-6.2	Franklin
Gadsden	12,613	3.21	12,092	3.24	9,066	3.73	521	3,026	-0.03	-0.49	4.3	33.4	-0.9	-13.1	Gadsden
Gilchrist	2,392	2.82	2,006	2.82	1,146	3.10	386	860	0.00	-0.28	19.2	75.0	0.0	-9.0	Gilchrist
Glades	2,444	2.63	2,224	2.69	1,115	3.24	220	1,109	-0.06	-0.55	9.9	99.5	-2.2	-17.0	Glades
Gulf	3,747	2.86	3,683	2.89	3,001	3.36	64	682	-0.03	-0.47	1.7	22.7	-1.0	-14.0	Gulf
Hamilton	2,957	2.94	2,904	2.99	2,353	3.26	53	551	-0.05	-0.27	1.8	23.4	-1.7	-8.3	Hamilton
Hardee	6,554	3.00	6,253	3.05	4,368	3.36	301	1,885	-0.05	-0.31	4.8	43.2	-1.6	-9.2	Hardee
Hendry	6,535	3.03	5,959	3.06	3,617	3.26	576	2,342	-0.03	-0.20	9.7	64.7	-1.0	-6.1	Hendry
Hernando	21,454	2.44	17,735	2.48	6,084	2.77	3,719	11,651	-0.04	-0.29	21.0	191.5	-1.6	-10.5	Hernando
Highlands	21,230	2.37	18,960	2.43	10,468	2.78	2,270	8,492	-0.06	-0.35	12.0	81.1	-2.5	-12.6	Highlands
Hillsborough	253,752	2.62	237,943	2.66	158,750	3.02	15,809	79,193	-0.04	-0.36	6.6	49.9	-1.5	-11.9	Hillsborough
Holmes	5,418	2.81	5,244	2.79	3,550	3.00	174	1,694	0.02	-0.21	3.3	47.7	0.7	-7.0	Holmes
Indian River	26,425	2.46	23,331	2.49	12,325	2.90	3,094	11,006	-0.03	-0.41	13.3	89.3	-1.2	-14.1	Indian River
Jackson	13,543	2.72	13,332	2.76	10,295	3.10	211	3,037	-0.04	-0.34	1.6	29.5	-1.4	-11.0	Jackson
Jefferson	3,652	2.98	3,486	3.04	2,481	3.50	166	1,005	-0.06	-0.46	4.8	40.5	-2.0	-13.1	Jefferson
Lafayette	1,448	2.81	1,413	2.86	955	3.03	35	458	-0.05	-0.17	2.5	48.0	-1.7	-5.6	Lafayette
Lake	45,276	2.42	41,650	2.47	24,621	2.77	3,626	17,029	-0.05	-0.30	8.7	69.2	-2.0	-10.8	Lake
Lee	92,989	2.42	82,509	2.46	37,313	2.77	10,480	45,196	-0.04	-0.31	12.7	121.1	-1.6	-11.2	Lee
Leon	57,666	2.53	54,103	2.57	31,022	3.03	3,563	23,081	-0.04	-0.46	6.6	74.4	-1.6	-15.2	Leon
Levy	7,970	2.67	7,267	2.70	4,175	3.04	703	3,092	-0.03	-0.34	9.7	74.1	-1.1	-11.2	Levy
Liberty	1,538	2.78	1,485	2.82	1,064	3.17	53	421	-0.04	-0.35	3.6	39.6	-1.4	-11.0	Liberty
Madison	5,120	2.93	4,977	2.98	4,000	3.29	143	977	-0.05	-0.31	2.9	24.4	-1.7	-9.4	Madison
Manatee	67,403	2.33	61,998	2.36	38,488	2.50	5,405	23,510	-0.03	-0.14	8.7	61.1	-1.3	-5.6	Manatee
Marion	50,664	2.61	45,458	2.64	22,317	3.03	5,206	23,141	-0.03	-0.39	11.5	103.7	-1.1	-12.9	Marion
Martin	29,309	2.37	25,863	2.40	10,122	2.72	3,446	15,741	-0.03	-0.32	13.3	155.5	-1.2	-11.8	Martin
Monroe	27,907	2.30	26,340	2.34	16,827	2.89	1,567	9,513	-0.04	-0.55	5.9	56.5	-1.7	-19.0	Monroe
Nassau	12,066	2.92	10,976	2.98	6,018	3.42	1,090	4,958	-0.06	-0.44	9.9	82.4	-2.0	-12.9	Nassau
Okaloosa	40,782	2.79	37,538	2.84	24,915	3.38	3,244	12,623	-0.05	-0.54	8.6	50.7	-1.8	-16.0	Okaloosa
Okeechobee	7,868	2.78	6,981	2.85	3,178	3.34	887	3,803	-0.07	-0.49	12.7	119.7	-2.5	-14.7	Okeechobee
Orange	182,571	2.62	170,754	2.67	108,645	3.07	11,817	62,109	-0.05	-0.40	6.9	57.2	-1.9	-13.0	Orange
Osceola	22,725	2.56	18,615	2.60	9,092	2.74	4,110	9,523	-0.04	-0.14	22.1	104.7	-1.5	-5.1	Osceola
Palm Beach	264,335	2.37	234,339	2.42	123,347	2.78	29,996	110,992	-0.05	-0.36	12.8	90.0	-2.1	-12.9	Palm Beach
Pasco	90,318	2.31	81,346	2.34	30,361	2.46	8,972	50,985	-0.03	-0.12	11.0	167.9	-1.3	-4.9	Pasco
Pinellas	334,758	2.22	319,527	2.25	211,301	2.43	15,231	108,226	-0.03	-0.18	4.8	51.2	-1.3	-7.4	Pinellas
Polk	122,122	2.66	114,394	2.70	74,024	3.05	7,728	40,370	-0.04	-0.35	6.8	54.5	-1.5	-11.5	Polk
Putnam	19,560	2.68	18,397	2.72	11,494	3.12	1,163	6,903	-0.04	-0.40	6.3	60.1	-1.5	-12.8	Putnam
St. Johns	21,190	2.59	18,623	2.65	10,004	2.93	2,567	8,619	-0.06	-0.28	13.8	86.2	-2.3	-9.6	St. Johns
St. Lucie	38,291	2.61	32,506	2.65	16,847	2.98	5,785	15,659	-0.04	-0.33	17.8	92.9	-1.5	-11.1	St. Lucie
Santa Rosa	19,680	2.90	18,595	2.94	10,846	3.34	1,085	7,749	-0.04	-0.40	5.8	71.4	-1.4	-12.0	Santa Rosa
Sarasota	95,990	2.22	88,739	2.25	48,634	2.44	7,251	40,105	-0.03	-0.19	8.2	82.5	-1.3	-7.8	Sarasota
Seminole	69,453	2.79	63,247	2.82	25,757	3.23	6,206	37,490	-0.03	-0.41	9.8	145.6	-1.1	-12.7	Seminole
Sumter	9,040	2.65	8,582	2.68	4,627	3.05	458	3,955	-0.03	-0.37	5.3	85.5	-1.1	-12.1	Sumter
Suwannee	8,391	2.81	7,739	2.84	4,855	3.16	652	2,884	-0.03	-0.32	8.4	59.4	-1.1	-10.1	Suwannee
Taylor	6,170	2.77	5,826	2.83	4,227	3.22	344	1,599	-0.06	-0.39	5.9	37.8	-2.1	-12.1	Taylor
Union	2,273	2.90	2,119	2.95	1,639	3.25	154	480	-0.05	-0.30	7.3	29.3	-1.7	-9.2	Union
Volusia	114,627	2.36	105,773	2.39	62,747	2.62	8,854	43,026	-0.03	-0.23	8.4	68.6	-1.3	-8.8	Volusia
Wakulla	3,855	2.84	3,730	2.89	1,926	3.26	125	1,804	-0.05	-0.37	3.4	93.7	-1.7	-11.3	Wakulla
Walton	8,542	2.59	8,043	2.64	5,270	3.05	499	2,773	-0.05	-0.41	6.2	52.6	-1.9	-13.4	Walton
Washington	5,487	2.71	5,235	2.75	3,620	3.14	252	1,615	-0.04	-0.39	4.8	44.6	-1.5	-12.4	Washington

1982, growing by 30,000. Other high-growth counties were Broward with 26,000, Dade with 22,900, Hillsborough with 15,800 and Pinellas with 15,200. In terms of percentage increases the most rapidly growing county was Osceola, where the number of households grew by 22 percent between 1980 and 1982. Close behind were Flagler and Hernando with 21 percent, and Collier and Gilchrist with 19 percent.

No county in Florida has experienced a decline in number of households since 1980, but in some counties the increase has been very small. In Calhoun, Gulf, Hamilton, Lafayette and Liberty counties, the number of households increased by fewer than 100 between 1980 and 1982.

Average household size

Average household size declined rapidly in Florida between 1970 and 1980, from 2.90 to 2.55. This decline was caused by lower birth rates, higher proportions of one-person households and the heavy inmigration of older persons. Since 1980, the decline in average household size has been quite small, as birth rates have increased slightly and a large number of foreign immigrants have moved in with members of existing households. Every county experienced a small decline in average household size between 1980 and 1982 except Dade, where the effects of foreign immigration were strongest and average household size rose by more than 2 percent.

Average household size in 1982 was largest in Gadsden County with 3.21. Other counties with large average household sizes were Baker with 3.15, Hendry with 3.03 and Hardee with 3.00. Counties with the smallest average household sizes were Charlotte, Pinellas and Sarasota, each with 2.22. All three of these counties have very high proportions of elderly persons in their populations, causing the average household size to be quite small.

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